

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to place them in better condition, for reasons unrelated to patentability. The scope of the claims has not been changed.


Applicants traverse the outstanding rejections for the reasons given in Amendment A, mailed May 20, 2003. In summary, the offset in Hasegawa '889 is used in the manufacturing process, not when an image is being displayed, as in the present invention. Kondoh does not disclose switching data signals by TFTs, as recited in claim 1. The absence of these elements in the references is a strong indication that the examiner is using hindsight, which is impermissible.

The Examiner cites col. 14, lines 50-57 of *Hasegawa et al.* as teaching an offset for driving liquid crystal display (Paper No. 5, para. 11). However, the offset voltage described in that portion of the reference is applied to the cell to form the first and second regions. Now as described earlier in col. 14, the regions are simply parts of the cell where voltages applied to the liquid crystal material have opposite polarities. These voltages are not driving the liquid crystal display, as in the present invention. Withdrawal of the outstanding rejections is respectfully requested.

For the foregoing reasons, applicants believe that this case is in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. The examiner should call applicants' attorney if an interview would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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